

WHEREAS; ; like all Wisconsinites, aging and older adults and individuals with disabilities deserve to live with dignity, security, independence, and positive quality of life; and

WHEREAS; the increase of the aging population in Wisconsin, coupled with the increasing cost of healthcare and long-term care, creates an imperative to make efficient and effective use of both private and public resources; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin became the first state to create Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) in 1998, providing the model for a nationwide program that began in 2003; and

WHEREAS; ADRCs are welcoming, inclusive, and accessible places where aging and older adults and individuals with disabilities, along with their families and loved ones, can be connected to dependable resources, unbiased information about care options, and simplified access to services; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin celebrates ADRCs across the state that are devoted to helping individuals and families make knowledgeable, informed choices, preserve personal resources, delay or avoid the need for public resources and possibly expensive long-term care services, and maintain independence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim May 2023 as

## **AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER MONTH**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State